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**a case against Hallmark card love**  
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**Poetry**

maybe

just for a change  
could we stay home tonight,  
watch an old James Bond movie  
on t.v.,

eat sandwiches on the sofa -

each from our own plates  
for a change?

no moonlight strolls tonight,  
no playing cutesy in the park  
or romantic spaghetti - and - candles dinner  
hand cooked by you.  
no balloons, please;  
no more flowers.

just a little

reality

just for

a change?